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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, JUNE 23, 2000

APPLICATION OF

CONNECT CCCVA, INC.

CASE NO. PUC990178

For a certificate of public
convenience and necessity
to provide local exchange
telecommunications services

FINAL ORDER

On February 23, 2000, Connect CCCVA, Inc. ("Connect" or "Company"), completed an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity ("certificate") requesting authority to provide local exchange telecommunications services throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia.¹ By Order dated March 10, 2000, the Commission directed the Company to provide notice to the public of its application, directed the Commission Staff to conduct an investigation and file a report, and scheduled a public hearing to receive evidence relevant to Connect's application.

The Company filed proof of publication and proof of service on April 14, 2000.

¹ A sister company, LD Total Connect, Inc., recently was granted facilities-based interexchange service authority in Case No. PUC990199 (Certificate No. TT-98A).

Pursuant to an April 25, 2000, Order Granting Staff's Motion for a Revised Procedural Schedule, the original hearing date of May 11, 2000, was convened only for the purpose of hearing public witnesses and the evidentiary hearing was rescheduled for June 21, 2000. No public witnesses appeared at the May 11, 2000, hearing.

On June 13, 2000, Staff filed its report finding that Connect's application was in compliance with the Commission's Rules Governing the Offering of Competitive Local Exchange Telephone Service ("Local Rules"), as codified in 20 VAC 5-400-180. Based on its review of Connect's application, the Staff determined that it would be appropriate to grant the Company a certificate to provide local exchange telecommunications services, subject to the condition that any customer deposits collected by the Company be retained in an unaffiliated third-party escrow account until such time as the Staff or the Commission determines it is no longer necessary.

There were no written comments or notices of protest filed in this proceeding.

A hearing was held on June 21, 2000. The application and accompanying attachments and Staff Report were entered into the record without objection.

NOW THE COMMISSION, having considered the application and the Staff Report, finds that Connect should be granted a

certificate to provide local exchange telecommunications services subject to the condition detailed herein.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) Connect CCCVA, Inc., is hereby granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity, No. T-494, to provide local exchange telecommunications services subject to the restrictions set forth in the Local Rules, § 56-265.4:4 of the Code of Virginia, and the provisions of this Order.

(2) Should Connect collect customer deposits, it shall establish and maintain an escrow account, held by an unaffiliated third party, to hold such funds and shall notify the Division of Economics and Finance of the escrow arrangement. Any escrow arrangement established pursuant to this Order shall be maintained for such time as the Staff or the Commission determines is necessary.

(3) Connect shall provide tariffs to the Division of Communications which conform with all applicable Commission rules and regulations.

(4) There being nothing further to come before the Commission, this case shall be dismissed and the papers filed herein placed in the file for ended causes.